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Notes of Interdepartmental Meeting - 11th September 1980

Polish Crisis

The Vice's reporting of recent events in Poland has been highly commended by consumers. The Berlin team, set up after the 1970 riots in the Baltic ports, has proved its value; and the Polish team has done particularly well.

Finance

No change since the last meeting except that there seems to be no hope of persuading the Government to meet the estimated overexpending of £120,000. This will be covered in the present financial year by deferring expenditure but revenue cuts will have to be made next year, including, in all probability, some reporter posts. No redundancies are expected, however.

Effort to drum up substantially more income from sales have been too successful though it continues to rise steadily, especially from sales of selections from the main file. Several agencies have been subscribing to



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New Projects

The FT funded projects for transcribing at Caversham additional material from the Muslim world and for Soviet TV transmissions are going ahead. Advertisements have appeared for extra monitors (7 are for) and a new building for additional cubicles is planned.

Envoi

As today (Friday) is my last day of duty, may I just say how much I have enjoyed being part of such a worthwhile institution, both for what it does and for the people in it. I send you all my best wishes for the future.

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John Doe

12th September 1980